

Total Maximum Daily Load for 3 reaches of Queen Creek, Arnett Creek, and 2 Unnamed Drainages

Public Notice # 17-10

The Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ), in accordance with Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act, has developed a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) analysis for 3 reaches of Queen Creek located near Superior, Arizona. TMDL's for Arnett Creek and 2 unnamed drainages have also been developed. ADEQ has determined through sample collection and data analysis that the six separate stream reaches are impaired for dissolved copper.

A TMDL defines the total amount of a particular constituent or pollutant which can be introduced into a water body without causing an exceedance of state surface water quality standards. The TMDL process enlists the participation of stakeholder groups and other interested parties to assist in identifying possible sources of pollution, to allocate loads of those pollutants in accordance with the objectives of the analysis, and to identify the most reasonable measures that should be implemented in order for the stream to achieve surface water quality standards.

A public meeting will be held at the Superior Jr/Sr High School; 100 Mary Drive, Superior, AZ 85273, on October 4, 2017 at 6:00 PM to discuss the draft TMDL report and to answer any questions from interested parties.

ADEQ will release a draft version of the TMDL for Queen Creek, Arnett Creek and the 2 unnamed drainages on October 4, 2017 and will accept written comments until 5:00 pm (MST) on November 13, 2017. Written comments should be sent to:

Arizona Department of Environmental Quality
Attn: Kyle Palmer
1110 W. Washington Street
Phoenix, AZ 85007

or electronically mailed to: palmer.kyle@azdeq.gov

This TMDL may be reviewed at the following locations:

- ADEQ Records Center (first floor) 1110 W. Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85007 (602) 771-2300 or
- The ADEQ website <http://www.azdeq.gov/node/672>

Responses to written comments received during the public comment period will be addressed and summarized in a public notice in the Arizona Administrative Register during the month of December, 2017.

If you have further questions about the Queen Creek, Arnett Creek, and 2 unnamed drainages TMDL, please contact the project manager, Kyle Palmer at 1-800-234-5677, ext. 771-4540 (inside Arizona only) or (602) 771-4540.

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